GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5363
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IA LOSS IS ATC OFFICIALS GAIN
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item `IA loss is ATC officials gain` appearing in the `Asian Age` dated January 8, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported threin;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the culprits who created loss to the exchequer;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): A complaint was received through Press Clipping entitled `IA loss is ATC officials` gain` dated 7th January, 2002 of the Asian Age. It was alleged that ATC at Ahmedabad was having understanding with pilots of private airlines and the Indian Airlines` flights are put `on hold` in the air. The matter has been investigated and it was found that the complaint was baseless. Ahmedabad Airport is equipped with the state-of-art MSSR Radar.The traffic density at Ahmedabad Airport is very low and all the aircraft are provided radar services both in the Approach Control and Area Control. Ahmedabad ATC is maintaining safe, orderly and expeditious flow of air traffic. No complaint has, however, been received from any airlines in this regard.